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**STRAW PROPOSAL**  
**Ecosystem Restoration State Entity**

1. **Purpose.** To implement the ecosystem restoration component of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and to coordinate other federal, state, local and non-governmental ecosystem restoration efforts within the bay-delta.
2. **Structure.** Create the Bay-Delta Conservancy within the Resources Agency. The Resources Agency will not have the authority to approve or deny specific conservancy actions.

**5-member governing board:**

- (1) Resources Secretary or designee;
- (2) Director of DFG or designee;
- (3) (4) Public members, one appointed by Senate Committee on Rules and one by Speaker of the Assembly; and
- (5) Director of USFWS or designee.

**Technical and policy advisory committees as necessary.**

3. **Executive director, staff and ability to contract expert help.**
4. **No power to tax, regulate land use or exercise the power of eminent domain. Ability to lease rent, sell, purchase or otherwise hold or transfer real property or an interest therein.**
5. **Ability to buy, sell, lease or otherwise own or transfer any interest in water.**
6. **Administrator of environmental water account.**
7. **May accept revenue, money, grants, goods or services from federal, state and private entities.**
8. **May enter into contracts or agreements with public and private entities.**
9. **Ability to sue and be sued.**
10. **Direct long-term research and monitoring.**